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In re Patent Application of: Kazuo Matsuzaki, et al.

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For: A MAGNETIC THIN FILM, A MAGNETIC

COMPONENT THAT USES THIS MAGNETIC THIN FILM, MANUFAC-TURING METHODS FOR THE SAME AND

A POWER CONVERSION DEVICE

Examiner: Alexander G. Ghyka

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP NF Amendment - Restriction Requirement Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed December 4, 2003 (Paper No. 1125), is set forth below.

The Examiner has required restriction among the following inventions required under 37 U.S.C. § 121:

Group I:

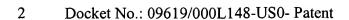
Claims 8-11 and 15-17, which are directed to a method

classified in class 438, subclass 1+; or

Group II:

Claims 1-7, 12-14, and 18-31 which are directed to a devise

classified in class 257, subclass 1+.





In response, the Applicants elect Group I (claims 8-11 and 15-17), which is directed to a method classified in class 438, subclass 1+ without traverse.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks withdrawal of this restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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